

4 ~~A SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE~~
~~FOR AN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE INTERFACE TO THE GOVERNMENT~~

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A system is disclosed that provides access to the Internet, particularly by businesses, to transact business electronically to comply with various statutory requirements to report taxable revenues, new hires and taxes withheld on behalf of their employees regularly to the government. Today, businesses fulfill these requirements by physically submitting forms by mail or in person to a government agency, a time consuming process that, according to analysts, costs them over \$600 billion annually. There is a business need and a market opportunity for an electronic conduit for business to government transactions. The new system is Internet based and provides a suite of transactional and information based services to businesses. The service is offered as a subscription service in selected states where the number of businesses is sufficient to ensure profitable revenues at the anticipated levels of market penetration.

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